



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

**Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, Parkinson's Disease is a progressive disorder of the central nervous system, affecting more than one and a half million people in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Parkinson Disease Association, Inc., founded in 1961, has sought to "Ease the Burden and Find the Cure" for this disease through research, patient and family services, education and sponsorship of 45 chapters, 53 Information and Referral Centers, and almost 800 support groups throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Rhode Island recognizes the efforts of the Rhode Island Chapter to raise funds and promote awareness to fight Parkinson's Disease, thereby improving the quality of life for those living with the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the world, the nation and Rhode Island observe "Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month" in April 2012; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim April, 2012 Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month in Rhode Island and encourage all of its citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of this month.



Given under my hand and the great  
seal of the State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations,  
this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012

Lincoln D. Chafee  
Governor

A. Ralph Mollis  
Secretary of State